

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2014**

**The bi-monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, June 23, 2014, in the cafeteria of Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street, Bristol, RI. Chairman Silva called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 PM.**

**Present: Paul Silva, Chairman; John Bento, Vice-Chairman; Karen Lynch, Secretary; Diana Campbell, Marjorie McBride, William O'Dell, John Saviano, Lynn Wainwright, Melinda L. Thies, Superintendent; Mario Andrade, Assistant Superintendent; Pauline A. Silva, Director of Administration and Finance; Mary N. Almeida, Director of Literacy and Title I; Leslie Anderson, Director of Pupil Services and Andrew Henneous, Esq., District Solicitor**

**Absent: Susan Rancourt, Treasurer**

**OPENING BUSINESS**

**All present were invited to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Chairman Silva stated there was no need for an Executive Session.**

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ISSUES**

**Chairman Silva stated that all items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the School Committee and are enacted in one motion. There is no separate discussion of Consent Agenda items unless requested by a committee member, in which case the item(s) are withdrawn from the general order of business and considered in the normal sequence of the agenda. Chairman Silva stated, for the record, that he was asked to remove item C2 from the Consent Agenda for a separate vote.**

**MOTION: Mrs. McBride made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Mrs. Campbell. The motion passed unanimously.**

**MOTION: Mr. Saviano made a motion to seal the executive session minutes of the May 27, 2014 and June 9, 2014 School Committee meetings; seconded by Mrs. McBride. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Prior to taking a vote on C2 of the Consent Agenda, Mrs. Wainwright recused herself.**

**MOTION: Mrs. McBride made a motion to approve C2 of the Consent Agenda; seconded by Mrs. Campbell. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote.**

## **S2014-40 A-J: CONSENT AGENDA - PERSONNEL**

**A. APPOINTMENTS:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the positions of Elementary Principal and Resource/Intervention Specialist (K-12) as listed below:

### **1. Carolyn K. Wolf Principal – Colt Andrews**

**Effective:** Immediately, pending receipt of certification and satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements

**Reason:** To fill a vacancy  
(Resignation – P. Lattuca)

**Funding:** Operational Budget

### **2. Colleen Y. O'Connell Resource/Intervention Specialist (K-12)**

**Effective: For the 2014-15 School  
Year**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy  
(Transfer – K. McCanna)**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**B. APPOINTMENTS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the positions of four Secondary Department Chairs, Secondary/Middle School Special Services Department Head, six Secondary Teacher Leaders, three Middle School Curriculum Coordinators and one Elementary Head Teacher as listed below:**

**1. Robert Arsenault Arts and Applied Arts Department  
Chair – Mt. Hope High**

**Effective: For the 2014-15 school  
year**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**2. Patrick Jackson Humanities Department Chair –**

**Mt. Hope High**

**Effective: For the 2014-15 school  
year**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**3. Thomas J. DelSanto Physical Education and Health  
Department Chair – Mt. Hope High**

**Effective: For the 2014-15 school  
year**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**4. Wayne R. Lima Science, Technology/Engineering and  
Mathematics (STEM) Department  
Chair – Mt. Hope High**

**Effective: For the 2014-15 school  
year**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**5. Lisa M. Martin Special Services Department Head –  
Mt. Hope High/Kickemuit Middle**

**Effective: For the 2014-15 school  
year**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**6. Lauren Enjeti Arts and Applied Arts Teacher Leader  
- Mt. Hope High**

**Effective: For the 2014-15 school  
year**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**7. Maureen Gauthier Arts and Applied Arts Teacher Leader  
– Mt. Hope High**

**Effective: For the 2014-15 school  
year**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**8. Gregg Burke Humanities Teacher Leader–Mt. Hope  
High**

**Effective: For the 2014-15 school  
year**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**9. Jodi-Lee Neves Humanities Teacher Leader–Mt. Hope  
High**

**Effective: For the 2014-15 school  
year**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**10. John J. Castriotta Science, Technology/Engineering and  
Mathematics (STEM) Teacher Leader  
– Mt. Hope High**

**Effective: For the 2014-15 school  
year**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**11. Joseph Koger Science, Technology/Engineering and  
Mathematics (STEM) Teacher  
Leader – Mt. Hope High**

**Effective: For the 2014-15 school  
year**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**12. Melissa Bernard Curriculum Coordinator (Humanities)  
- Kickemuit Middle**



**Effective: For the 2014-15 school  
year**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**13. Michelle Way DaSilva Curriculum Coordinator  
(Mathematics) -Kickemuit Middle**

**Effective: For the 2014-15 school  
year**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**14. Susan Cardente Curriculum Coordinator (Science) -  
Kickemuit Middle**

**Effective: For the 2014-15 school  
year**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**15. Marilyn A. Jones Head Teacher – Hugh Cole**

**Effective: For the 2014-15 school  
year**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**C. BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the School of the 21st Century, Before and After School Program, as listed below (pending sufficient enrollment to warrant running this program and DCYF CANTS clearance):**

**1. Katherine M. Martineau Child Care Provider (Part Time)**

**Effective: Immediately, for the  
remainder of the 2014-15 school  
year, pending satisfactory completion  
of pre-employment requirements**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**Funding: Parent Fees/Self-Sufficient**

**2. Morgan L. Wainwright Child Care Provider (Part Time)**

**Effective: Immediately, for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year, pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**Funding: Parent Fees/Self-Sufficient**

**3. Emily A. Geoffroy Child Care Intern (Part Time)**

**Effective: Immediately, for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**Funding: Parent Fees/Self-Sufficient**

**4. Jared E. Cinotti Child Care Intern (Part Time)**

**Effective: Immediately, for the**

**remainder of the 2014-15 school year**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**Funding: Parent Fees/Self-Sufficient**

**D. ELEMENTARY SUMMER PROGRAM:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individuals for the Summer 2014 session only of the Bristol Warren Regional Elementary Summer Program contingent upon sufficient enrollment:

**Name Position**

- 1. Nicole Abendroth Teacher**
- 2. Allison Lewis \* Teacher**
- 3. Tristan Lewis Teacher**
- 4. JoAnne Smith \* Substitute Teacher**

**\* Pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements**

**E. SUMMER SCHOOL:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individuals for the Summer 2014 session only of the Bristol Warren Regional Summer School contingent upon sufficient enrollment:

**Name Course**

**1. Gavin Ward H.S. Physical Education/Health**

**2. Stephen Piette M.S. Substitute**

**F. EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY) SERVICES PROGRAM: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individual for the Summer 2014 session only of the Bristol Warren Regional Extended School Year (ESY) Services Program contingent upon sufficient enrollment:**

**Name Position**

**1. Joann Bernard Teacher Assistant**

**G. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the extracurricular positions listed below for the 2014-15 school year only (pending certification, funding and sufficient sign-ups to warrant running these programs):**

**FALL COACHES – MT. HOPE HIGH**

**Sport Position Coach**

**1. Cross Country (Boys) Head Coach Jhoantas Ribeiro \***

**2. Football Asst. Coach Henry Cabral \***

**3. Volleyball (Girls) Asst. Coach Melanie Quirk**

**WINTER COACHES – MT. HOPE HIGH**

**Sport Position Coach**

4. Basketball (Boys) Asst. Coach Jerry Darius \*
5. Basketball (Boys) Asst. Coach Jhoantas Ribeiro \*
6. Basketball (Girls) Asst. Coach Randy Tavares
7. Basketball (Girls) Asst. Coach Kristin Furtado
8. Hockey Head Coach Steven Ouellette

#### **ADVISORS – MT. HOPE HIGH**

9. Class of 2016 (Co-Advisor) Geoffrey Keegan
10. Class of 2016 (Co-Advisor) Christopher Lambert
11. Concert Band Robert Arsenault
12. DECA (Co-Advisor) Maureen Gauthier
13. Debate Team Geoffrey Keegan
14. Drama Club Carol Schlink
15. Gardner/Burke Carol Schlink
16. Jazz Band Robert Arsenault
17. Literary Magazine (Co-Advisor) Lauren Enjeti
18. Literary Magazine (Co-Advisor) Patrick Jackson
19. Marching Band Director Christopher Lambert \*\*
20. Marching Band Asst. Director Lynn Souza \*\*
21. Marching Band–Color Guard Instructor (Co-Advisor) Laurie Metthe
22. Marching Band–Color Guard Instructor (Co-Advisor) Jennifer Metthe
23. Marching Band – Dance Squad (Co-Advisor) Jean McMullen

- 24. Marching Band – Dance Squad (Co-Advisor) Meghan McMullen**
- 25. Marching Band - Drill Instructor Lynn Souza \*\***
- 26. Mathematics Club Anne Marie Fayan**
- 27. National Honor Society Gerard Spence**
- 28. Robotics Ryan Garrity**
- 29. Sustainability Club Robert Arsenault**
- 30. Symphonic Band Christopher Lambert**

#### **INTERSCHOLASTIC COACHES – KICKEMUIT MIDDLE**

##### **Sport Position Coach**

- 31. Basketball (Girls) Head Coach Thomas Fullen**

**\* Pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements**

**\*\* Pending execution of Terms of Employment**

**H. CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTES:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to place on file in the office of the Superintendent the following applications for certified substitutes pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements:

#### **CERTIFIED**

##### **Name Area/Level**

- 1. Jason E. Godek Mathematics**

**2. Sharon A. Reynolds Early Childhood/Elementary**

**3. Gavin J. Ward Health/Physical Ed./APE**

**I. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignations of Edwin P. Calouro from the position of Secondary Social Studies Teacher, Norman P. Fortin from the position of Social Worker, M. Jessica Mulvena from the position of Secondary Mathematics Teacher, Richard O. Ferreira from the position of Middle School Special Educator and Linda A. Oliveira, Sarah F. Yassine from the position of Elementary Reading Specialist and Robert W. Stringer from the position of Middle School Science Teacher as listed below:**

**1. Edwin P. Calouro Social Studies Teacher – Mt. Hope High**

**Effective: August 31, 2014**

**Reason: Retirement**

**2. Norman P. Fortin Social Worker – Mt. Hope High**



**Effective: June 30, 2014**

**Reason: Retirement**

**3. M. Jessica Mulvena Mathematics Teacher – Mt. Hope High**

**Effective: May 30, 2014**

**Reason: Personal**

**4. Richard O. Ferreira Special Educator – Kickemuit Middle**

**Effective: August 31, 2014**

**Reason: Retirement**

**5. Linda A. Oliveira Reading Specialist – Hugh Cole**

**Effective: June 27, 2014**

**Reason: Retirement**

**6. Sarah F. Yassine Reading Specialist – Hugh Cole**

**Effective: End of the 2013-14 School  
Year**

**Reason: Personal**

**7. Robert W. Stringer Science Teacher – Kickemuit  
Middle**

**Effective: June 27, 2014**

**Reason: Personal**

**J. SUSPENSION, NONRENEWAL AND/OR TERMINATION OF  
CERTIFIED PERSONNEL: That the School Committee confirm the  
recommendation of the Superintendent to rescind the vote(s) of  
February 20, 2013 and February 10, 2014 as to the following listed  
teachers and appoint the listed teachers to the positions indicated:**

**Name Anticipated Assignment**

- 1. Stephen Buonfiglio Middle School Science**
- 2. Ann Corrado Elementary**
- 3. Tiffany Giusti Elementary**
- 4. Rebecca Gordon Secondary Social Studies**
- 5. Chloe Paquette Elementary**

**Mrs. Thies welcomed Mrs. Wolf to her position as the new principal of**

**Colt Andrews School. Dr. Andrade shared with the School Committee Mrs. Wolf's extensive background and the strengths that she will be bringing to the Bristol Warren Regional School District. Chairman Silva spoke on behalf of the entire School Committee welcoming Mrs. Wolf to the District. Mrs. Wolf thanked everyone for the warm welcome and the opportunity to serve as principal of Colt Andrews School.**

**RECOMMENDATION #S2014-41: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the request of (1) Warren family to home school their children for the 2013-2014 school year, adhering to all requirements as set forth by the Bristol Warren Regional School District**

**MOTION: Mr. Saviano made a motion to approve the request of (1) Warren family to home school their children for the 2013-2014 school year; seconded by Mr. O'Dell.**

**DISCUSSION: Mrs. Lynch requested clarification on such a late submission of this home school request. Dr. Andrade stated that the family submitted their request to home school in April, but the Assistant Superintendent's office needed time to research the request to ensure an attempt was not being made to circumvent school rules. Dr. Andrade stated that this home school request was found to be legitimate. The family was in line with Bristol Warren Regional School District's home school policy at the time of their**

**initial request.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Ms. Amy Bratsos spoke on behalf of the Colt Andrews PTO thanking Mrs. Thies for her years of service. She commended Mrs. Thies for the model she is setting for the students to always “continue pursuing your dreams”. Mrs. Bratsos presented Mrs. Thies with a memento from the Colt Andrews PTO.**

**Mr. Herreshoff, Bristol Town Council Member, spoke on behalf of the Bristol Town Council to express appreciation for the wonderful accomplishments of Mrs. Thies tenure as Superintendent. He shared highlights about areas of great improvement to the District under Mrs. Thies’ leadership.**

**Each School Committee member shared personal testimonies and words of appreciation for Mrs. Thies. Gifts of gratitude were presented to Mrs. Thies.**

**Chairman Silva thanked Mrs. Wainwright for her efforts in organizing the retirement reception for Mrs. Thies.**

**ADJOURNMENT – 7:48 PM**

**MOTION:** There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Saviano motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM; seconded by Mrs. McBride. The motion passed unanimously.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Karen A. Lynch, Secretary**

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